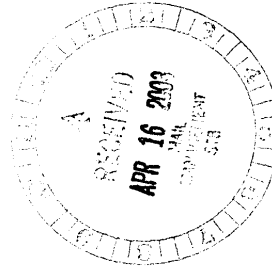


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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW, Room 711
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad Company - Abandonment - Linn County, Iowa
Docket AB-314 (Sub-No. 2X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are writing this letter to request an extension for the interim trail use agreement. Per the Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment dated October 23, 2002, the 180-day period granted to the City to negotiate an interim trail use agreement expires on April 23, 2003. The City of Cedar Rapids is actively negotiating with the Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad Company.

Therefore, the City of Cedar Rapids respectfully requests an additional 180-day extension be granted to complete negotiations for the Interim Trail Use Agreement for the above referenced abandonment.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding the enclosed request.

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rita Rasmussen".

Rita Rasmussen
Property Acquisition Supervisor

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CC: Chicago Central & Pacific Railroad Co., 455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL 60611-5504
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David J. Elgin, P.E., L.S. - City Engineer
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